

Where Chrysanthemum, Are Eaten.
In Japan, the flowers of chrysanthemums constitute a popular dish. During the months of November and December bunches of them, washed and carefully displayed, may be seen in the stores of all the dealers in vegetables. Almost all the varieties are edible, strictly speaking, but those to which preference is usually given have deep yellow flower heads.

Value of Our Farm Property.
Secretary Morton, in his annual report, figures that the farm property of the United States is worth \$13,000,000,000, there being 4,564,641 farms, averaging in value \$2,909.

Mothers

Anxiously watch declining health of their daughters. So many are cut off by consumption in early years that there is real cause for anxiety. In the early stages, when not beyond the reach of medicine, Hood's Sarsaparilla will restore the quality and quantity of the blood and thus give good health. Read the following letter:

"It is but just to write about my daughter Cora, aged 19. She was completely run down, declining, had that tired feeling, and friends said she would not live over three months. She had a bad

Cough

and nothing seemed to do her any good. I happened to read about Hood's Sarsaparilla and had her give it a trial. From the very first dose she began to get better. After taking a few bottles she was completely cured and her health has been the best ever since." Mrs. ADDIE PECK, 12 Railroad Place, Amsterdam, N. Y.

"I will say that my mother has not stated my case in as strong words as I would have done. Hood's Sarsaparilla has truly cured me and I am now well." CORA PECK, Amsterdam, N. Y.

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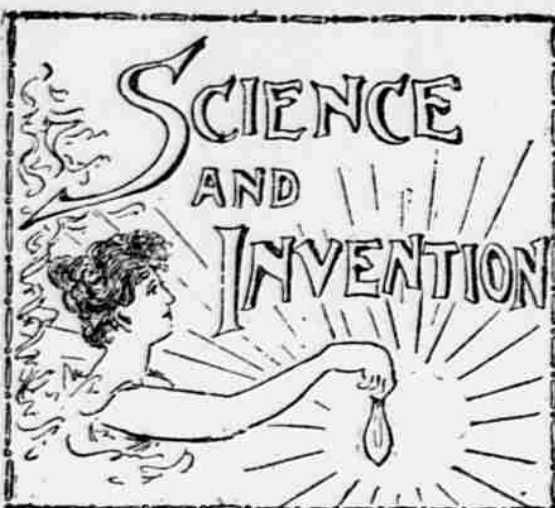


Gladness Comes

With a better understanding of the transient nature of the many physical ills which vanish before proper efforts—gentle efforts—pleasant efforts—rightly directed. There is comfort in the knowledge that so many forms of sickness are not due to any actual disease, but simply to a constipated condition of the system, which the pleasant family laxative, Syrup of Figs, promptly removes. That is why it is the only remedy with millions of families, and is everywhere esteemed so highly by all who value good health. Its beneficial effects are due to the fact, that it is the one remedy which promotes internal cleanliness, without debilitating the organs on which it acts. It is therefore all important, in order to get its beneficial effects, to note when you purchase, that you have the genuine article, which is manufactured by the California Fig Syrup Co., only, and sold by all reputable druggists.

If in the enjoyment of good health, and the system is regular, then laxatives or other remedies are not needed. If afflicted with any actual disease, one may be commended to the most skillful physicians, but if in need of a laxative, then one should have the best, and with the well-informed everywhere, Syrup of Figs stands highest and is most largely used and gives most general satisfaction.

The long Winter days are nearly over. A succession of Colds, Coughs or Pneumonia has weakened the system and strength doesn't seem to come back again. You remain pale and weak. You have a slight cough in the morning and perhaps a little fever in the afternoon. You need A Food as a Spring medicine, not a mere tonic. Such a food is Scott's Emulsion of Cod-liver Oil with Hypophosphites which will heal inflamed membranes, make good blood and supply food for sound flesh.



Can California Raise Coffee?

An attempt is to be made to cultivate the coffee plant in the beautiful San Joaquin Valley, in California. The result cannot be known, it is said, within less than six years. The chief anticipated difficulty arises from the lack of a proper quantity and distribution of rain.

Pictured Rocks.

On the base of a cliff of granite and marble, running for about two miles along the shore of Lake Massanog, in Canada, and rising in places to a height of three hundred feet, an interesting series of pictographs has recently been discovered. These picture-writings extend at intervals along the entire length of the wall of cliffs, but are nowhere more than six feet above the water of the lake. They probably represent highly interesting events in the career of the people whose artist historians placed them there.

Magnets Put to Work.

This seems to be emphatically the age of work. Elephants have been set to pulling stumps and rolling logs, and now electro-magnets have been pressed into service in England for the lifting of heavy masses of iron and steel. The magnets are attached to cranes, and are operated by a current from an electric power circuit. When the current is on they grip their load with a lifting strength equal to two tons, but when the current is turned off they instantly let go. An instance of the application of such a magnet is cited where work which formerly occupied six men for ninety minutes can now be done by three men and the magnet in fifteen minutes.

Burning Gas from Ice.

A correspondent of Science describes an interesting scene recently witnessed on a skating lake near Baltimore. White spots resembling air-bubbles were noticed in the ice, and one of the skaters bored a hole into such a bubble and applied a match to it, whereupon a flame burst out at the surface. Further experiments showed that when a small hole was bored down to the bubble a long, thin jet of flame could be obtained which would last for a considerable time. The bubbles were due to accumulations of marsh gas, formed by the decomposition of vegetable matter at the bottom of the lake. The correspondent suggests that such supplies of marsh gas might be utilized for the illumination of skating ponds at night.

Useful Mechanical Principle.

Trial has recently been made in building operations of a mechanical device known as Pease's tubular construction. It is based upon the simple fact that three tubes, each having an open slit along one side, may be interlocked in the manner shown in the accompanying cut. Of course the number of tubes that can thus be connected is indefinite. By adding a sufficient number on each side of the three, for instance, a flat expanse like a roof would be formed. In fact, this construction has been used for the roofs, walls and floorings of buildings, in place of corrugated iron. Sometimes to obtain greater rigidity the tubes, after being interlocked, are filled with concrete. No bolts or rivets are needed. By making the tubes of different diameters, and in other ways, a great variety is introduced in the application of the principle.

Photographing Hidden Things.

Professor Roentgen, of the University of Wuerzburg, Bavaria, has recently succeeded in photographing the bones of the hand of a living person through their covering of flesh, while the flesh is invisible in the photograph. He has also made photographs of objects concealed behind screens of wood and other substances, and some of his experiments have been repeated, both in this country and England. In experimenting with a "Crookes tube," which is a glass tube, or bulb, from which the air has been as far as possible exhausted, and through which an electric current is passed, Professor Roentgen found, unexpectedly, that the rays issuing from the tube were not only able to penetrate certain opaque substances—a fact previously known—but also to impress upon a photographic plate images of objects situated between the concealed tube and the plate. When the hand, for instance, was thus placed, with the electricity excited Crookes' tube on one side and the photographic plate on the other, the rays from the tube passed through the flesh, but not through the bones, and the outlines of the bones were photographed upon the plate. Extraordinary suggestions have been made as to the possibility of so perfecting this discovery as to enable physicians to photograph bullets, calcareous deposits and other extraneous and injurious substances, or formations, in the human body. Too much should not be expected, however, until more facts are known. It may be remarked that the rays which act so mysteriously are not light rays, and perhaps not electric rays; just what they are remains to be determined.

If this weather lasts two days longer, the first birds of spring will appear wearing shirt waists

THE BREAD OF THE WORLD.

What This Important Food Is Made Of in Different Countries.

In England and America wheat bread is within the reach of all and scarcely is a thought given to the fact that only a small portion of the earth's inhabitants enjoy it. It is only during the last century that wheat bread has come into common use. A hundred years ago wealthy families in England used only a peck of wheat a year and that at Christmas, eating oatcakes during the remainder of the time.

The German "pumpernickel" is a rye bread with a curious sour taste, but after eating it while one acquires quite a taste for it. It is less nutritious than that of wheat. In the poorer parts of Sweden the people bake their rye bread only twice a year and store it away, so that eventually it is as hard as bricks.

Farther north still barley and oats become the chief bread corn. But in the distinct north is where man is put to thought to provide himself with bread. In Lapland, if a man trusted to grain he would starve, so the people eat out their scanty store of oats with the inner bark of the pine, and after grinding this mixture it is made into large flat cakes, which after all, are not half bad.

In dreary Kamtschatka the pine or birch bark by itself, well ground, pounded and baked, constitutes the whole of the native bread food. Bread and butter is represented by a dough of pine bark spread with seal fat. In certain parts of Siberia the people not only grind the pine bark, but cut off the tender shoots, which procedure must give the bread an unpleasantly resinous flavor.

In Iceland the lichen is scraped off the rock, made into bread puddings and put into soup. In Russia and China buckwheat is pressed into service. It makes a palatable bread, though of a dark violet tinge.

In Italy and Spain chestnuts are cooked, ground into meal and used for bread and soup-thickening. Millet furnishes a white bread in Arabia, Egypt and India. This grain is credited with being the very first used in breadmaking.

Rice bread is still the staple food of the Chinese, Japanese and Indians.

In the Indian archipelago the starchy pith of the sago palm is made into bread and in parts of Africa the natives use a certain root for the same purpose.

Climbing Elephants.

Elephants are able to make their way up and down mountains and through a country of steep cliffs, where mules would not dare to venture, and even where men find passage difficult. Their tracks have been found upon the very summit of mountains over 7,000 feet high. In these journeys an elephant is often compelled to descend hills and mountainsides which are almost precipitous. This is the way in which it is done: The elephant's first maneuver is to kneel down close to the declivity. One foreleg is then cautiously passed over the edge and a short way down the slope, and if he finds there is a good spot for a firm foothold he speedily forms one by stamping into the soil if it is moist, or kicking out a footing if it is dry. When he is sure of a good foothold the other foreleg is brought down in the same way. Then he performs the same work over again with his feet, bringing both forelegs a little in advance of the first foothold. This leaves good places all ready made for his hind feet. Now bracing himself up by his huge, strong forelegs, he draws his hind legs, first one and then the other, carefully over the edge where they occupy the first places made by the fore feet. This is the way the huge animal proceeds all the way down, zig-zag, kneeling every time with the two hind legs while he makes footholds with his fore feet. Thus the center of gravity is preserved and the huge beast prevented from toppling over on his nose.—Public Opinion.

How Silk Is Adulterated.

Some "improvements" in the treatment of silk are announced. Ordinarily silk is "weighted" by depositing tannate of tin on the fiber; the material receives a bath of tannic acid and then another of perchloride of tin, a repetition of this being made until an increase of the weight amounts to from 15 to 20 per cent, beyond which it is not considered safe to go in the case of silk intended to be dyed light shades or to be bleached. Recently a German inventor has brought forward a process in which silica is the weighting agent. In carrying out this method three steps are described. First the silk, raw or in any stage of manufacture, and either before or after dyeing, is worked for an hour in a bath of perchloride of tin; then, after squeezing and washing, it is worked in a warm solution of water glass or soluble silicate of soda for about an hour, followed by washing, having also been previously passed through a solution of phosphate of soda. The operation may be repeated again and again, with no harmful effect on the fiber or on the subsequent dyeing, and in five operations the silk may be increased in weight some 100 to 120 per cent. The silk is now soaped, and, if already dyed, is cleared in an emulsion of olive oil and acid.

Stove Polish.

A good durable water-proof liquid stove polish is made of purified black lead (granite) reduced to a very fine powder, one pound; perchloride of iron, half an ounce. Moisten with just enough water to form a stiff paste, and mix intimately by trituration in a mortar, and gradually add water sufficient to reduce the paste to a thin cream. Shake before using.

The passion to be a leader is the foundation of half the new religions that are started.

Any girl old enough to take a valen-tine seriously is too old to get one.

Paris Well Fortified.

The German Chancellor Caprivi in a speech said that "Paris is the largest and most formidable fortress the world has ever seen—a stronghold with fifty-six forts and an outer line of fortifications of nearly 100 miles." The wall of Paris is built around the inhabited portion of the city, inclosing all the monuments and business houses. It is surrounded by a broad ditch. The original plans provided for a second wall some thousand paces beyond this one, but instead there is a circle of forts from one to two miles away from the inner wall. Nearly 2,000 cannons are used to fortify these forts. The various first-class forts number about thirty. They are polygons in shape, strongly bastioned and bomb-proof, with brick-work ditches, covered ways and outworks.

An Idle Scavenger.

The bowels act the part of a scavenger, inasmuch as they remove much of the debris, the waste effete matter of the system. When they grow idle, neglectful of duty, it is of the utmost importance that they should be impelled to activity. Hostetter's Stomach Bitters effects this desirable object without crippling them like a drastic purgative. The Bitters is also efficacious for malaria, bilious, dyspeptic and kidney trouble.

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An Educated Squaw.

Jane Eyre, a full-blooded Pawnee Indian girl, was graduated a few days ago from the Pennsylvania Normal School, and has gone West to work among her people. She herself took the name of Charlotte Bronte's heroine, whom she admires.

A Spring Trip South.

On April 7 and 21, and May 5, tickets will be sold from principal cities, towns and villages of the north, to all points on the Louisville and Nashville Railroad in Tennessee, Alabama, Mississippi, Florida and a portion of Kentucky, at one single fare for the round trip. Tickets will be good to return within twenty-one days, on payment of \$2 to agent at destination, and will allow stop-over at any point on the south bound trip. Ask your ticket agent about it, and if he cannot sell you excursion tickets write to C. P. Atmore, General Passenger Agent, Louisville, Ky., or Geo. B. Horner, D. P. A., St. Louis, Mo.

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The wise wife prefers her lace curtains smelling of tobacco smoke to having her husband down town late at night.

I know that my life was saved by Piso's Cure for Consumption.—John A. Miller, Au Sable, Mich., April 21, 1895.

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Homeseekers' Excursions

April 7, April 21, May 5.

To the South and West—Arizona, Arkansas, Texas, Nebraska, Kansas, etc. Call at the local ticket office and get full information about rates, stop-over privileges, return limits, and territory to which reduction will apply. Or, better still, write to J. Francis, C. & P. A., Burlington Route, Omaha, Neb.

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H. J. Martin, of 702 T street, N. W., Washington, D. C., in a recent interview had with him by Mr. H. D. Brodie, of the Washington Chronicle, said: "Having suffered for many years with dyspepsia, indigestion and biliousness, I tried every known remedy, consulted many physicians with the hope of getting cured or even relief, but nothing seemed to relieve me. After meals I would feel as if a ball of lead was lodged in my stomach, tired and listless, as though life was scarcely worth living. Finally I was attracted to the ad of Ripans Tablets, and concluded to try them. After taking the first two or three I was surprised to find the relief they gave, and by the time I emptied the first box I felt like a new man. I have never been without Ripans Tablets since, nor have I ever suffered since. I heartily and earnestly recommend them to any one suffering as I did."

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